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**PRESS RELEASE**

The Art Department will host visiting artist Luise Kaish, painter and sculptor, for a public lecture on her work on the evening of Monday, November 5, at 7:30pm in the Center for Continuing Education Auditorium. There will also be an exhibition of Kaish's paintings on display in the Fine Arts Center Gallery from October 29 through November 23.

Ms. Kaish is a Professor of Painting and Sculpture and former chair of the division of Painting and Sculpture at Columbia University in New York City. Kaish earned her MFA degree at Syracuse University and has been the recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship; the Rome Prize Fellowship, The American Academy in Rome; The Augustus Saint-Gaudens Fellowship; and a Louis Comfort Tiffany Grant. She has done commissioned sculptural work for the Container Corporation of America, the Continental Grain Company, and the Jewish Museum in New York among others.

Like other recognized artists, such as William Bailey, she is associated with a distinguished institution; and like him, she has not lost the so called "art of thinking in images", which can make "the verbal logic of philosophy" seem pale by comparison. Kaish is a maker of abstract icons, a metaphysical artist almost despite herself, in the sense that her work resonates with larger themes without setting that aim. A metaphysic does not need to be devised conceptually where it emerges naturally. She has discovered in twentieth century abstraction a language of the spirit that is also a keen pictorial experience.

Kaish's work has been exhibited internationally since the early 50's. She has had one-person exhibitions at the University of Haifa, Israel; The Sculpture Center in New York; the Staemfli Gallery in New York; The Minnesota Museum of Art and the Rochester Memorial Art Gallery. Her work is in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, The High Museum in Atlanta, and the Whitney Museum.

Luise Kaish has lectured extensively during her career, served on a variety of artists panels and has been an artist in residence at numerous institutions. She is listed in the Who's Who of the World, Who's Who in International Art and others.

Luise Kaish will present a slide lecture discussing her work on the evening of November 5th at 7:30pm in the Center for Continuing Education Auditorium. There will be an exhibition of her paintings in the Fine Arts Center Gallery from October 29 through November 23. Both events are free and the public is invited to attend.

For more information, please contact the Art department at 575-5202.